Murder of Christian School Principal near Mathura

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Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news-item as appeared in 'The Hindustan Times' dated the 8th June, 2000, under the caption "Christian School Principal murdered near Mathura";

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) how many such incidents on attack on Christian minority run institutions have taken place in Uttar Pradesh, Gujarat and Orissa during the year 2000 so far and Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI I. D. SWAMI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) As per available information, from the Government of Uttar Pradesh, Brother George, a warden of St. Francis School (earlier known as Brother Pauls's Memorial School) Hostel at Navada under Narhouli Police Station, Mathura was attacked and killed by 6-7 assailants on the night of 6th-7th June, 2000, while he was asleep in the hostel compound. A case under Section 396 of the IPC was registered at the Narhouli Police Station. The matter was handed over to the Crime Branch of the State Police and a judicial Inquiry has also been ordered by the State Government under a one-man Commission headed by a sitting Judge of the Allahabad High Court.

(c) As per available information, six incidents have been reported on minority run institutions in Uttar Pradesh during this year. No such incidents have been reported in this regard from the States of Gujarat and Orissa.

Besides sharing intelligence inputs, sending advisories from time to time, another advisory has been sent to all States/UTs on 19-6-2000, and a high-level meeting, consisting of Home Secretaries, DGPs/IGs of Andhra Pradesh, U.P., Karnataka, Goa, Orissa and Gujarat, was convened on 4-7-2000 to review the situation, and the State Government have been asked to provide security to the minorities and their institutions and to deal firmly with the perpetrators of violence against them.

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† Starred Question Nos. 42 and 53 were taken together.

††The question was actually asked of the floor of the House by Shri J.Chitharanjan.